

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 16-34 were presented for examination.

Claims 1, 16, 17, 19-21, 23-26, 29, 30 and 32-34 were rejected.

Claims 18, 22, 27, 28 and 31 were objected to.

Applicants are hereby amending claims 16, 18, 27 and 29 and canceling claims 5, 22, 31 and 33-34 to put the case in condition for allowance.

In particular, all pending claims have been amended to include the limitations of one of the allowable claims 18, 22, 27 or 31. More specifically, independent claim 16 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 22, which is now cancelled. Previously dependent claim 18 is rewritten in independent form, including limitations of the base claim 16 and all intervening claims. Similarly, dependent claim 27 is rewritten in independent form, including limitations of the base claim 16 and all intervening claims. Independent claim 29 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 31, which is now cancelled.

Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended, and allowance of all pending claims, claims 16-21, 23-30 and 32, are hereby respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with Applicants' attorney would help advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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